



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6586

January Session, 2003

***AN ACT CONCERNING THEFT OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT
RENTAL BUSINESSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 53a-119 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (7) Theft of services. A person is guilty of theft of services when: (A)
5 With intent to avoid payment for restaurant services rendered, or for
6 services rendered to [him] such person as a transient guest at a hotel,
7 motel, inn, tourist cabin, rooming house or comparable establishment,
8 [he] such person avoids such payment by unjustifiable failure or
9 refusal to pay, by stealth, or by any misrepresentation of fact which
10 [he] such person knows to be false; or (B) (i) with intent to obtain
11 railroad, subway, bus, air, taxi or any other public transportation
12 service without payment of the lawful charge therefor or to avoid
13 payment of the lawful charge for such transportation service which has
14 been rendered to him [, he] or her, such person obtains such service or
15 avoids payment therefor by force, intimidation, stealth, deception or
16 mechanical tampering, or by unjustifiable failure or refusal to pay, or
17 (ii) with intent to obtain the use of equipment, including a motor
18 vehicle or an item from a retail store engaged in the business of renting
19 equipment, not including an item governed by a rent-to-own
20 agreement under chapter 743i, without payment of the lawful charge

21 therefor, or to avoid payment of the lawful charge for such use which
 22 has been permitted him [, he] or her, such person obtains such use or
 23 avoids such payment therefor by means of any false or fraudulent
 24 representation, failure to return such item to such retail store engaged
 25 in the business of renting equipment, not including an item governed
 26 by a rent-to-own agreement under chapter 743i, by a time specified in
 27 a written contract signed by such person at the time such person rents
 28 the item, fraudulent concealment, false pretense or personation, trick,
 29 artifice or device, including, but not limited to, a false representation as
 30 to [his] such person's name, residence, employment, or driver's license;
 31 or (C) obtaining or having control over labor in the employ of another
 32 person, or of business, commercial or industrial equipment or facilities
 33 of another person, knowing that [he] such person is not entitled to the
 34 use thereof, and with intent to derive a commercial or other substantial
 35 personal benefit [for himself] or benefit for a third person, [he] such
 36 person uses or diverts [to the use of himself or] for personal benefit or
 37 for the benefit of a third person such labor, equipment or facilities.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The phrase "consumer rent-to-own agreements" was changed to "an item governed by a rent-to-own agreement" for accuracy.

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*